

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO WORKERS DEPORTED FROM GULF

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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of Indian workers have been deported by the Gulf countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years and the reasons therefore; (
- (c) whether any aid/assistance has been provided to such workers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) & (b): Workers are deported by the Gulf countries from time to time for non-possession of valid visas / resident permits, violation of local laws etc. The details of Emergency Certificates issued /workers deported by the Gulf countries during the last two years is given below:

Year Kuwait Bahrain UAE KSA Oman Qatar

2006 1354 Nil 8030 26932 10480 2116
2007 8234 1481 40088 28904 1086 2050
(till Oct. 07)

(c) & (d): Indian Missions besides issuing EC as per rules provide assistance to such workers wherever required by way of liaising / coordinating with local authorities to clear cases against Indian nationals, provide assistance for filing complaints with the concerned local authorities and also provide financial assistance in the form of cost of food, air ticket, transport charges etc. to the destitute Indian workers to be deported to India. Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs in coordination with Indian Missions, Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Home Affairs and also Governments of various states organize smooth return of such deportees.